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## CONFERENCE LIMNS

## RUSSIAN CHRISTIANITY

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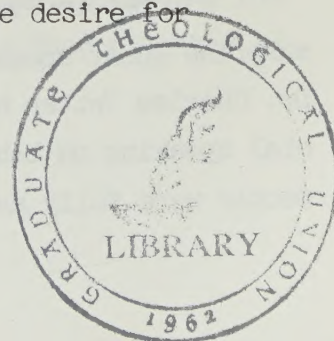
by KRISTEN SHIRK

Special to Diocesan Press Service

WASHINGTON (DPS, Dec. 18) -- A group of about 92 representatives from dioceses all over the U.S. gathered at the new conference center in the towers of the Washington Cathedral Dec. 4-6 for speeches and workshops on how American Christians can support the Russian Orthodox Church and help celebrate the 1988 millenium of Christianity in Russia, which Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning has called, "... a unique opportunity for the Episcopal Church to join other churches in helping to strengthen the churches's witness in Russia."

Over the course of the conference, there was much prayer and thought for fellow Christians in the Soviet Union. Participants sang hymns and the Lord's Prayer in Russian to symbolize the desire for solidarity shared by all for Russian Christians.

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The keynote speaker of the consultation was the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Ridgon, Cathedral Fellow, professor of church history at McCormick Seminary in Chicago and chairman of the U.S./U.S.S.R. Church Relations Committee of the National Council of Churches. During his talk, "Toward the 1988 Celebration: A History," Ridgon brought alive the history of the Russian Orthodox Church and its relationship to the history and politics of both Russia and the U.S.S.R.

The evening concluded with the presentation by Canon Precentor Wayne Dirksen and the Washington Cathedral Choir of a cantata, "Life and Peace," for the consultation participants. This cantata was composed by Eugene Goncharenko, a Soviet Baptist, and performed for the National Council of Churches delegation that visited the Moscow Baptist Church in June 1984.

Friday morning, after a Eucharist with Orthodox music and prayers Dr. Alan Geyer, the Executive Director of the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, encouraged an historical awareness of the Soviet Union, the common traits of our two histories and the new openness of the Soviet society under General Secretary Gorbachev. Following the speech, Ridgon and Geyer opened the floor for questions from the audience, including many on the arms race, Strategic Defense Initiative, the situation of Christianity in Russia and human rights. One point raised was that since Americans have not resolved what human rights are exactly, this makes it even more difficult to understand what they should consist of in a different society.

The afternoon session was composed of a series of workshops by Jane Baun, Richard Hough-Ross, Nancy Ignatius and Madeleine Trichel designed to present models of successful activities used by workshop leaders in their efforts to increase awareness of the Soviet Union among the members of churches. Baun discussed using Orthodox music in Episcopal services and the others talked of ways to educate for peace by such means as youth tours. The workshops gave each participant a chance to share ideas and develop new ones to take home.

Before everyone dispersed to go off to various workshops, a surprise guest speaker took the podium. With a heavy Russian accent, Dr. Charles Vetter had almost everybody believing he was a Soviet official speaking on behalf of his country. It took several minutes before people were fully aware that he was not, in fact, Russian. It was his



way of using humor to capture the attention of the audience in order to make some comments about the country. His presentation was also an example of part of the orientation program designed for Diocese of Washington Youth Tours. A "festive dinner" with Russian music and story telling wrapped up the day's events.

The first speech of the last day was given by Suzanne Massie of the Harvard Russian Center on rising spirituality in the Soviet Union. It used not only much fact, but drew on her indepth personal knowledge of the Soviet Union. As one listener put it, she made him lose those romantic ideas and brought the whole question down to a very human and personal level.

After lunch, Dr. John Vogelsang of the Episcopal Church Center and Provost Charles Perry of the Washington Cathedral gave ideas on specific projects to demonstrate solidarity with the Russian Church based in part on their recent trip to the Soviet Union. They then opened the floor to ideas from participants who willingly shared their feelings. Bishop John Walker of Washington then introduced Browning who gave the closing speech. In his talk, he pledged support for the project and promised to study recommendations for action at three levels: of the congregation, the dioceses and the Episcopal Church as a whole. Next, he described five positive aspects that can grow out of the conflict between our nations. Conflict, he said, fosters knowledge of self, knowledge of other, develops a construction of a reality, fosters community as we need to search for allies and last, fosters a need for unity.

Following his speech, Canon Carol Crumley lead the closing prayers -- with an image of a Russian icon, symbolic of the suffering of Christ and hope for the future, filling the wall behind her.

The planning of this conference was done by a committee composed of Vogelsang; Perry, Crumley and Sharon Glass of the Washington Cathedral, and Anne Shirk and Ignatius from the Commission on Peace of the Diocese of Washington. A report of the conference, including the major speeches, will be available from the Episcopal Church Center in late spring.

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Episcopal Church Leaders in Soviet Union

(86274/1) -- As part of the preparation for Episcopal Church participation in the millennial celebrations of Russian Orthodox Christianity, Maryland Bishop Theodore Eastman this year led a delegation of Church leaders and educators on a first-hand visit with their counterparts in the Soviet Union. Here, Eastman (seated, right), who chairs the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, poses for a formal portrait with His Holiness Patriarch Pimen (center, with staff) and metropolitans and bishops of the Orthodox Church. In the second row, in clerical collars, are Dr. Bruce Rigdon and Provost Charles Perry of Washington, two of the leading figures in developing the Episcopal Church program for this celebration.

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(86274/2) -- Young Russian children tend the candles before the liturgy begins in a packed Orthodox cathedral in Zagorsk, outside Moscow.

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(86274/3) -- Maryland Bishop Theodore Eastman, chairman of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, addresses a Finnish Lutheran congregation in Leningrad during a tour by Episcopal leaders and educators this year. Standing near Eastman is Mstislav Vroskressnsky, who served as translator throughout the trip.

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(86274/4) -- While much of the tour of Soviet Christianity was devoted to official conversations and receptions, the group spent as much time as possible in worship and talk with the full range of Christian expression. Here, Bishop Theodore Eastman of Maryland preaches to a Baptist congregation in Moscow.

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## CATHEDRAL CALLS

### WOMAN AS DEAN

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PHILADELPHIA (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The Rev. Geralyn Wolf, 39, was named Nov. 25 as dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville, in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky. She thus becomes the first woman in the Episcopal Church -- and probably the first in the Anglican Communion -- to be named a cathedral dean.

Wolf, vicar of St. Mary's Church here, succeeds Bishop Allen L. Bartlett, Jr., who was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in September, 1985, after 15 years as dean of Louisville.

Ordained in 1978, Wolf studied for the priesthood, she said, because she found Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., "resonated with who I was. You got to a place and find it was the missing piece, and you didn't even know you were looking for the piece."

In taking the Louisville appointment, Wolf leaves a small, 60-member mission which operates a soup kitchen that feeds 250 people every Saturday, for a 300-member cathedral. It was not until she was invited to Louisville that she realized she "wasn't a token," Wolf says. "I think it's a sign that a congregation was willing to call the person they thought was the best fit, and it happened to be a woman."

Asked whether the appointment might make her a candidate for bishop someday, she said it placed her "in a likely position for people to want to put my name in," but added she does not think the time is right for a woman bishop until the worldwide Anglican Communion discusses the issue.

Wolf, a native of New York City, earned her undergraduate degree from West Chester State College and a Master's degree from Trenton State College. She also studied at King's College, London and taught for four years before entering seminary. After her ordination in 1977, she was an intern at St. Mary's and then assistant at St. Martin's in Philadelphia for two years. She has been vicar of St. Mary's for five years.

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NEW NEWSLETTERS SERVE

WOMEN, LAY PROFESSIONALS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Two new newsletters have been launched recently, serving different but overlapping constituencies in the Church. The Lay Professionals Task Force has introduced callings, a national news-link for lay professionals in the Episcopal Church, and a coalition of groups has sponsored OPEN, a newsletter for women -- clergy and lay -- who are employed by the Church.

Designed for the lay person whose profession is in the Church or its institutions in areas such as administration, education, communication and counseling, callings tells about the varied ways these people work for and serve the Church and takes a serious and realistic look at many of their problems.

"Why another newsletter in the Episcopal Church?" Gail Jones, editor of callings, suggests that a focus on lay professionals is part of the Church's present task of defining how all the ministers of the Church -- lay and ordained -- may develop a mutuality of interest appropriate for the future. The development of the lay professional is only a small part of the total ministry, but it is a vitally important part. The lay professional fulfills leadership needs of the Church and provides a sign for the whole church of the common call to ministry given in baptism.

Conversations about professional lay ministry in the Episcopal Church began several years ago. In 1984, at the invitation of Barry Menuet, then Executive for Education for Mission and Ministry, a small group of lay professionals gathered to explore forming a network of lay persons professionally employed by the Church and its institutions. Interest increased, and the Lay Professionals Task Force was formed in 1985 to identify and examine a range of issues applicable to this group.

Some areas identified by the task force for further discussion and research include support groups, employment practices, accessibility, identity and training/education. A position paper prepared by the task force develops these points and provides a focus for further discussion among lay professionals.

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To place your name on the mailing list for callings or to obtain a copy of the position paper "Lay Professionals and the Church," send your request with your name and address to Ruth Schmidt, St. John's Episcopal Church, 114 East 20th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501. Comments, ideas, concerns and letters are welcome. Send them to Gail Jones, Editor, callings, at the same address.

"A bridge between ordained and lay professional women" is what its founders hope OPEN will be -- and a way for women employed by the Church to help each other find jobs and develop their ministries. The letters stand for women's Ordained and Professional Episcopal Newsletter, and the monthly publication is a cooperative venture of the Episcopal Women's Caucus, the National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations and, from the Episcopal Church Center, the Church Deployment Office, the Office of Women in Mission and Ministry and the Education for Mission and Ministry unit.

OPEN offers a place where churches actively seeking or interested in considering a woman can list job openings and where any woman seeking employment in the Church may post her availability and desires. It replaces The Jobletter, an occasional publication of the Episcopal Women's Caucus and the Church Deployment Office, which listed job openings.

The newsletter also will carry articles of a practical and theological nature concerning the life of women employed by the Church. Articles are being sought from both ordained and lay women on deployment and professional development and enhancement issues, including: clergy couples in the same parish, women rectors with male assistants, women in their second rectorate, "55+ and looking for a job," lay and clergy support groups and the need for childcare for women who work for the Church.

The OPEN newsletter grew out of a meeting of more than 25 ordained women who met at General Convention in 1985 to discuss the needs and concerns of ordained women. Employment, communication and support emerged as the three greatest needs perceived by the group, and, by extension, of women lay professionals, as well.

Subscriptions to OPEN are \$10 per year. To subscribe write: the Rev. Victoria Wells, OPEN, Four Legion Road, Weston, MA 02193; to submit an article, write: the Rev. Deborah Dresser, Editor, OPEN, Drawer A, Granite Springs, NY 10527.

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## CHURCH RELIES ON

## GOOD FRIDAY GIFT

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The plight of refugees, the displaced, the orphaned -- all victims of war and other tragedies in the Middle East -- are the focal point of this year's Good Friday Offering.

Episcopal parishes nationwide are being asked to join in the effort through prayer and financial support for the work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Although the Church there consists of only four dioceses, it maintains 32 service institutions in the Jerusalem diocese alone.

"The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East plays a leading role in that community," says Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning. "It has been assisting the growing number of displaced persons through a wide range of service institutions...If the work is to continue -- and it must continue -- we must offer our prayers and support at this time of need."

The Episcopal Church has been assisting in the mission and ministry of the Church in the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering since 1922. According to Judith Gillespie, Executive for World Mission at the Episcopal Church Center here, it has become the "life-blood" of the work of the Church there. She adds that "over the last three years, the Offering has increased substantially, thanks to a greater response on the part of our congregations. In 1985, we were able to increase the allocation from the Offering to each of the four dioceses by \$1,500, and each diocese received a further increase of \$5,750 in 1986. The total Offering in 1986 was \$138,000."

Those dollars translate into vocational training centers, homes for boys and girls, hostels for university students, homes for the aged, institutions for the care and education of deaf children and many other service-oriented institutions.

The Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, President-Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, has been vocal in his appreciation of the Good Friday Offering. In a recent interview he said, "We thank God that we are not standing alone. The whole Anglican Communion realizes that, tiny as we are, we are performing the service and we



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share with our partners in running these institutions. We feel really grateful to the process of partners in mission, partners in prayer, and partners in service."

The World Mission and Communication units at the Episcopal Church Center have prepared special materials, including a new 16-minute videotape in addition to a slide and cassette presentation, designed to familiarize parishioners with the work of the Church in the Middle East and the important role it plays in that area. Sample copies of Good Friday Offering posters, bulletin covers, bulletin inserts explaining the work of the province in detail and offering envelopes are being mailed to all Episcopal parishes and diocesan offices.

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ESMA ANNOUNCES 'AGE IN  
ACTION' POSTER CONTEST

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- "Laughter and love, caring and concern...All ages share in God's promises." That's the theme of the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging (ESMA)'s Age in Action 1988 poster contest.

The purpose is to promote positive intergenerational relationships and to celebrate "affirmative aging." Bob Hearn, ESMA's Diocesan Designee for Arizona and contest chair, said: "Anyone can enter, and this includes church school classes and the homebound. It is our hope that church schools and older adults will work together to produce an entry. We encourage individual older adults to enter the contest."

A prize of \$250, provided by the Diocese of Arizona, will be divided among three winners: \$150 for first prize, \$70 and \$30 for the second and third prizes, which will receive honorable mention. The first prize poster will be used as the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging 1988 Age in Action poster, and second and third prize winners will be reproduced in the organization's quarterly newsletter, Aging Accent. All entries will be exhibited at the 1988 General Convention.

Entries should use ideas and images of intergenerational relationships and reflect the stated theme. Posters must be 17" x 22" and must be the original work of the contestant. All media, except pencils, may be used. Drawing and color should be clear and distinguishable for reproduction. Black and white 8" x 10" glossy photographs may also be submitted. Entries must be mailed, unfolded, in heavy weight craft envelopes and must be accompanied by a letter-size paper with the entrant's name, diocese, address, telephone number, a "sub-theme" of 20 words or less building on the general theme and a short biographical sketch of the contestant(s).

All entries will become the sole property of the Society, and none will be returned. The Society reserves the right to use any or all entries in its displays and publications with appropriate credit by-line given, without attribution.

The contest deadline is May 25, 1987; winners will be notified by mail on or before June 15, 1987. The address for submitting entries is: ESMA Poster Contest, RD #4, Box 146-A, Milford, NJ 08840.

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BROWNING ANSWERS  
WITNESS READERS

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(EDITORS: In the January edition of the Witness, the lead story will be the reply of Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning (printed below to the letters that Witness readers sent in in response to the exchange between Browning and the board of the Episcopal Church Publishing Company. That exchange appeared in DPS 86193 of Sept. 4 as "Witness, Browning Share Views."

December 3, 1986

Dear Friends:

I have read, reread, and pondered long and hard upon the responses to our exchange of letters which appeared in September issue of THE WITNESS. I would like to share a few thoughts which have emerged.

I want to thank THE WITNESS for providing a forum for the public discussion of homosexuality. I am gratified by the response to our published correspondence. Many sent me personal letters. I have read all the letters, and I hope that they are but a small indication of the dialogue within the Church. I welcome the many comments. I am pleased that the concerns expressed in each letter have been lifted up. I am intensely moved by the anguish conveyed. And, I am encouraged by the remarkable vulnerability several of the writers were willing to risk. I have taken the liberty sharing all the letters I have received with the Standing Commission on Human Affairs and Health, which has been directed by General Convention to address the issue of human sexuality.

I must candidly remind you that our Church is of many minds about the place of homosexual people in Christendom. Since my remarks at the Los Angeles Convention, I would suspect that I have heard every possible position. Some Episcopalians on both sides of this issue hold views that reveal prejudice, myth, misinformation and spiritual shallowness. On the other hand, some of our communicants' — again on both sides --strong views are based on careful thought, extensive study and serious soul-searching. The painful truth is, as painful as it may be, that we are not, as a Church, reconciled about whether gay and lesbian people, while "children of God, fully deserving of the pastoral care and concern of the Church," should be admitted to Holy Orders or whether their sexual unions should be blessed by the Church. The vote at the 1985 General Convention on the resolution concerning the ordination of openly avowed and practicing homosexual people made clear our lack of agreement on these matters. These are the facts. While this state of affairs causes pain and anger all around, to contend that things were otherwise would be to traffic in illusion, and I cannot do that.

As Chief Pastor I want to say that I am grieved by this brokenness in our Church. I am in no way insulated from the anguish of gay and lesbian Episcopalians in a Church that is torn over how to treat them. Many have shared with me their heart-rending stories; I have ached with gay clergy and lay people who have been treated with hostility by parishes and dioceses. They have paid an enormous price at times as they tried, in good conscience, to lead integrated Christian lives. I am appalled by the violence against homosexual persons in our society and, often, the denial of their basic human rights.

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At the same time, I have heard the rage and anguish of some Episcopalians who have felt disillusioned and confused about their homosexual sisters and brothers. They too want, with equal passion, to be given clear and unequivocal assurance that their beloved Church is not disintegrating into the hedonism that our age seems to have spawned. For a number of people in our churches today many changes are not only upsetting but frightening. They view the basic heterosexual relationship as so much a part of the natural order that it is fully normative. To hold that there can be other forms of God-given relationships raises difficult questions for them about the natural order and, therefore, even about the existence of God and God's purposes as they have understood them. They are also concerned that full acceptance of homosexual relationships would somehow mean a breakdown of allforms of sexual morality. I have sat with these people, too, and ached.

As your Presiding Bishop I need to share with you that the pain on both sides is real; that neither side has cornered the market on anguish. I find that I share deeply in the pain and struggle of many individuals today and in the life of the Church as we try to come to fuller understandings of human sexuality. I am hopeful that the pain and struggle can be redeemed and redeeming and that they are leading us to both new compassion and vision. Compassion, if it is to be authentic, must be extended to all.

As Primate, Chief Pastor, and President, the titles given to me as Presiding Bishop, I am called to lead. But, to lead does not mean to yank or to dictate. This is not the style of my ministry. Nor is it the mandate given me in our polity, in which I have neither the right nor the power to make unilateral declarations about such issues as who should or should not be ordained. Nor would I want such a prerogative. We Episcopalians proclaim the catholic faith; we strive to be a collegial Church.

In a controversy, then, my leadership must consist of clarifying the issue and building bridges. It is the vision of wholeness -- of the oneness that is ours in Christ -- that I hope will lead me all the days of my ministry as Presiding Bishop. To be a bridge builder in a divided community is to reach out with both hands and to draw the sides together. This is the role of the prophetic pastor, seeking out both sides and enabling them to enter into dialogue for mutual understanding and acceptance.

To be a prophetic pastor is to live in tension -- the tension of holding opposites together and the tension which grows out of deep compassion with those who have strong positions and passions. This is not a passive ministry but one of intentional engagement, constant growth and awareness, risk and vulnerability. I am called to this ministry and it is out of this that I can honestly say that there will be no outcasts.

In the midst of this longstanding contention among us, what I yearn for is this: that we be honest and vulnerable in our sharing, compassionate in our listening, and diligent in our search for truth. In fact, I challenge the Episcopal Church with these tasks. I give you my pledge that I shall use all the resource and persuasion of my office to foster dialogue and study in the Church on the matters of sexuality, homosexuality and relationships so that the myths can be dispelled, the prejudices overcome, the truth known, and our brokenness healed. I can do no more; I shall do no less.

Faithfully yours,  
Edmond L. Browning  
Presiding Bishop



CHURCH COMMENTS

ON GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

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**EDITORS NOTE:** (The following statement was issued by the Episcopal Church Center on Dec. 15, 1986, after published reports attempted to link Terry Waite's work with the growing Iran-contra scandal.)

The role of the Episcopal Church over the last two years in support of the hostage negotiations carried out by Anglican Envoy Terry Waite has been well known and well documented.

The Episcopal Church was asked to lend support after the Anglican Church in the Middle East, Vatican and Presbyterian initiatives launched Mr. Waite's efforts. Since then, the Episcopal Church has contributed about \$18,000 to Mr. Waite's expenses. Almost all of these funds have been used for travel costs. The Funds used have come from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

In addition, he has been a guest at the Episcopal Church Center and has used the residence at the Center as his New York headquarters. We understand that he met here on at least one occasion with Col. North for private conversation.

Members of the Church Center staff have assisted Mr. Waite with Church and interfaith introductions related to the Middle East where he has requested these and with press and media relations while in New York.

Additional support for Mr. Waite's humanitarian mission has come from sources in the Presbyterian Church and from discretionary accounts of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We have been pleased to be asked to take a role in support of these efforts. Our intent, and that of Mr. Waite, has been to relieve human suffering, to give voice and solace to those who are helpless or feel they have no other recourse. That these efforts have become entangled in arms trafficking and the furtherance of two bitter, brutal wars is a perversion of the message of the Prince of Peace that should prevail in this and every season.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Enclosed for the use of editors are two formal photographs of Presiding Bishop Edmond Lee Browning -- in choir dress and eucharistic vestments. We will send a third formal picture of Bishop Browning in street dress with the first mailing next year. Please call or write if you need additional copies of any of these. Whenever you use any of the three, the credit line must read © 1986 KARSH, OTTAWA.

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This will be the last regular mailing of 1986, so the Press Office staff will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year.

Bill Dearnaley,  
Janet Vetter,  
Natalie Elder

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- As many of you have discovered by now, in the initial print run of 1 million singers' editions of The Hymnal 1982, some errors slipped through. You may not be aware, however, that virtually all of these errors were corrected in the accompaniment edition, which was a later printing. All suspected errors in the singers' edition should be checked with an accompaniment edition. If, however, you believe that you have found an error that was not caught in the accompaniment edition, the Standing Commission on Church Music is compiling an errata list for distribution next spring. Please send your information to the Secretary of the Commission, the Rev. Carl P. Daw, Jr., St. Mark's Chapel, 42 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268, by Feb. 1, 1987.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- A new series of life insurance policies with interest-sensitive premium rates was announced by the Church Life Insurance Corporation, an affiliate of the Church Pension Fund, this year following their approval by the New York State Insurance Department. Called "Indeterminate-Premium" policies, they enable Church Life to pass cost savings on to policy holders in the form of reduced premiums, Charles H. Dockendorff, senior vice president of the company, reported. Premium rates for these new policies will be reviewed annually, he explained, but they will not necessarily be changed every year. When there are improvements anticipated in mortality, persistency, investment earnings and expenses, premiums can be lowered. Premiums could go up on occasion, Dockendorff pointed out, but they cannot exceed the maximum rate printed on the policy. The new policies were created by Church Life especially for Episcopal clergy and others who serve the Church. Details are available from Church Life, 800 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. The toll free telephone number is: (800) 223-6602; in New York, the number is: (212) 661-6700.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- All films in the Episcopal Church Center's film library, formerly held at ROA Films, Milwaukee, have been transferred to ECUFILM, 810 Twelfth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203;

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the toll free telephone number is: (800) 251-4091; in Tennessee, call collect to: (615) 242-6277. Speaking of the changeover, Sonia Francis, Executive for Communication at the Church Center, said "we are delighted to become a cooperating member of ECUFILM's distribution service and hope that this new association will be of particular benefit...through exposure to variety of materials from the other cooperating groups," adding "we also wish to take this occasion to thank ROA FILMS for their devoted service through the years and wish the staff well as they close down their library."

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MATANZAS, Cuba (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The first three women to be ordained in Cuba were made deacons on Nov. 16 in Fieles Jesus here. Built in 1883, it is the oldest non-Roman Catholic church in Cuba. The ordinands are: Martha Lopez, a mathematics teacher, wife of the Very Rev. Miguel Tamayo, dean of the cathedral; Nerva Cott, a Christian education director, wife of the Rev. Juan Ramon de la Paz; and Griselda Delgado, who was ordained with her husband, Emilio Martin. A native of Bolivia and originally a Methodist, Delgado came to Cuba when her husband, an engineer and the son of a priest, received a World Council of Churches scholarship to study at the seminary here. The four deacons were ordained by Bishop Emilio Hernandez. Bishop Frank Cervený of Florida, Cuba's Companion diocese, was also present. Cuba approved the ordination of women two years ago and received permission from the Metropolitan Council to proceed. The council is formed by the Primate of Canada, the Archbishop of the West Indies and the president of Province IX, representing the Presiding Bishop.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- According to a recent Forbes magazine survey, top corporate executives are more religious than the population at large -- and a lot of them are Episcopalians or Presbyterians. Forbes asked each corporate head to indicate his religious preference and how "observant" he was. Of those responding, 65 percent said they and their families "regularly attend church or synagogue;" not all agreed, however, that these statistics are reflected in day-to-day business practices. For the population at large, the figure is about 40 percent. While Episcopalians make up about three percent of the U.S.

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population, they represented 19 percent of the CEOs. For Presbyterians, the discrepancy was slightly higher; two percent of the population, they make up 25 percent of the survey respondents. The article appeared in the Dec. 1 issue of Forbes.

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WASHINGTON (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Rep. Vic Fazio (D-Calif.), an Episcopalian, was this year's recipient of Bread for the World's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding legislative work combating hunger. The award is given every two years by Bread, which calls itself "a Christian citizens' movement in the U.S.A." Five senators and 19 U.S. representatives received awards this year for their public policy work against hunger, with another 22 senators and 64 representatives receiving letters of commendation. Criteria for the Distinguished Service Award include voting records on hunger-related issues, initiation and co-sponsorship of Bread for the World-supported legislation, behind-the-scenes leadership on hunger issues and openness to listening to and meeting with Bread members. Work done by Fazio was, according to the group, essential in its 1986 legislative victories, including a \$75 million appropriation for the Child Survival Fund (with \$50 million earmarked for Universal Child Immunization to protect primarily third world children against six vaccine-preventable diseases); a \$51 million appropriation for UNICEF; work on the Tax Reform Act of 1986 which led to six million low-income persons being removed from the tax rolls; and re-authorization of child nutrition programs in the U.S., including the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

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KAMPALA, Uganda (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Bishop Festo Kivengere has criticized remarks made by Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi during the latter's recent visit here. Gaddafi reportedly told worshippers at the headquarters here of the Muslim Supreme Council that Christianity is a colonial, non-African faith. The bishop said Christians led efforts to abolish the slave trade, in which Islamic Arabs were among those involved. However, said Kivengere, it is better not to dig up "the bones of the bad things in history...Muslims and Christians in Uganda...now live together in peace," he observed, and "do not want any more" religious wars, such as there were last century. The bishop's comments

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brought accusations in some newspapers that it was he who was inciting Christian-Muslim hostility as an agent of foreign powers. Director General Al-Hajji Muhammad Katende of the Islamic Information Centre here said the bishop misquoted Gaddafi, who, he said, never said anything against Christians or their faith. Local newspapers did not report the remarks objected to by the bishop, but international news agencies quoted Libyan radio to that effect.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Two new resources have been developed by the Hunger Program at the Episcopal Church Center, here. The first is not really a new resource but a revision of a previous one: "How Many Loaves Have You?," a booklet first developed in 1982 by the Rev. Barbara Schlachter of the Diocese of New York and Dr. David E. Crean, then staff officer for Hunger at the Church Center. This revision, the fourth, incorporates some new statistical material as well as an updated resource section. The other new resource comes in response to requests from Episcopalians for a worship resource on world hunger. Entitled "The Bread Which We Break," it was developed by Jo Ann Smith, Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief Network Coordinator for the Diocese of Minnesota, and Crean, now the Fund's Assistant for Interpretation and Network Development. It is a compilation of prayers, Bible readings and meditations spanning eight days and designed for parish, small group and individual use. It has two service outlines around the subject of hunger and six days of prayer, more Bible study and meditation centered on the first chapter of Genesis. Both resources may be obtained by writing to: Hunger Program (Resources), The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. While both booklets are free, a small contribution to the Fund to help defray expenses would be appreciated.

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CINCINNATI (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The Episcopal Church's History: 1945-1975 by David Sumner will be published in 1987 by Morehouse-Barlow Publishing Co. The book will be the only Episcopal Church history book to cover the era since World War II, and its 15 chapters will include

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such topics as the struggle for ordination of women, Prayer Book revision, the civil rights movement and a dozen other issues. Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning will write the forword for the book. Research for the book was done in the libraries of the General Theological Seminary, Sewanee and the Episcopal Church Archives in Austin, Texas. Sumner did most of the research and writing for the book during his five years as editor of Interchange, the monthly newspaper of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, for which he won several Polly Bond Awards from the Episcopal Communicators. The book, clothbound, will sell for \$24.95.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Sister Cecilia, minister provincial of the Franciscan Sisters' American Province, was elected Reverend Mother of the Community of St. Francis. She succeeds Mother Elizabeth, who served for 15 years. As Reverend Mother, or "The Minister," as she prefers to be called, Mother Cecilia will head the Community of St. Francis and its two provinces of England and America. In a break with tradition, she will not live in England but remain in California and administer the Community from San Francisco. She remains provincial of the American Province. Mother Cecilia arrived in America 12 years ago with a small band of sisters to establish a community in California. Since then, she has been a preacher and mission leader throughout the country and a Visitor to the Franciscan Third Order, as well as serving as minister provincial to the sisters. She has described her new role as a pastoral one, saying, "I haven't formulated any long-term plans or visions for the future yet. I have to visit the sisters in England and New Zealand, where we made a foundation in October, to get to know them. Living in the States over the past 12 years has meant that I'm a bit out of touch with those in England." Mother Cecilia said she would familiarize herself by a visit to the new foundation in New Zealand in January and later fly to England.

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BRISTOL, England (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) will hold its annual Assembly at Wesley Theological College, Westbury-on-Trym, here July 28-31, 1987. The theme will be "Poverty, Profligacy and Prophecy." The Association is a North

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(Hong Kong, a United Kingdom colony of about 5.5 million people, is to become a special administrative region of China in 1997.) By the end of July, the coalition had over a million signatures opposing the plant.

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INDIANAPOLIS (DPS, Dec. 18) -- "Training for Lectors," three audio cassettes with a 40-page manual, has been prepared by St. Paul's Church here to help those throughout the Church who read scripture in worship. The series is designed to be a comprehensive digest of the knowledge and skills one would obtain in an oral interpretation class but with an added sensitivity to the demands of scripture. The instructor on the tape is Stella Kryszek, director of the Lectors' Guild at St. Paul's. Kryszek is a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London and a former faculty member of the Anglican Divinity School, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The series grew out of her training and experience and an endowment to the parish from Eli Lilly. The price of the tapes is \$25.95, and they can be obtained from the Telecommunications Committee, St. Paul's Church, 11 West 61st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. They will soon be available from the Episcopal Radio/TV Foundation in Atlanta.

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INDIANAPOLIS (DPS, Dec. 18) -- A just-published workpaper gives Church leaders guidance and resources for managing emotion-laden issues. Designed and written by Juli S. Towell for the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, the paper provides an overview for facing social responsibility issues such as those raised by the South African crisis, with guidelines for group discussion and decision making. There is a resource section on peace/nuclear issues, South Africa and assistance on group process. While divestiture in companies doing business in South Africa was the impetus which gave rise to the paper, the material applies equally to many other touchy areas of social responsibility which confront parish groups regularly. Towell is a partner in Marshall, Towell and Emerson, Inc., a training and consulting group in Maplewood, N.J., and is former senior warden of Christ Church, Short Hills, N.J. and a member of the board of directors of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes. The workpaper is distributed by the Consortium, Suite 222, 20 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. A packet of 20 copies costs \$7.00 prepaid.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 18) -- The Rt. Rev. Rigal Elisee, bishop of the Gambia since 1972, will take on new responsibilities as executive officer for the French-speaking countries of the Church of the Province of West Africa in 1987. During the last three years, Elisee has been constantly on the move. In January 1984, he went to Guinea, where he helped establish the Diocese of Guinea, which consecrated its first bishop in April 1986. Now Elisee, who was born in Haiti in 1927, is relinquishing his see so that a native Gambian can be elected bishop. Once that occurs and the new bishop is consecrated, Elisee will move to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where the Francophone mission office will probably be located. "There are a lot of things about this ministry that we still do not know, but we trust that the Lord will guide and provide what is needed," says the bishop. Elisee has not been preoccupied with Anglican affairs only -- last August, he presided over the dedication and opening of the new building of the Gambia Christian Council, an ecumenical venture of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches, along with other denominations.

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KILLINGWORTH, England (DPS, Dec. 18) -- Visitors to this town in northeast England may look twice, but natives are used to the brightly painted horse-drawn carriage driven by the Rev. David Wood. The 61-year old Church of England vicar, the only clergyman in town, says he's "trying to bring a bit of humanity to what can be a depressing area. Before unemployment hit us, most of my people used to be miners and ship yard workers. They worked with their hands. It's often hard for such good-hearted people to relate to the clergy. After all, we have the reputation for being a bit aloof. But they respect anyone with a skill. And you need skill to drive a horse through the cars and buses here." Wood began working with horses during World War II when they were brought back into service in England to save fuel. He bought his first pony shortly after moving here in 1970 and later added the carriage to his ecclesiastical equipment. Parishioners have even been known to hitch a ride when they miss their bus. "This way of traveling brings you close to people," Wood said. "You can even call out to them as you ride past and remind them about services. I find the hobby has given me a deeper relationship with my people."

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